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Rameshwaram Cafe blast case in Bengaluru

Police take 5 into custody

CM holds meeting with top Police brass; one of injured is from Mysuru

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Mar. 2 (DM&BCT)- The Bengaluru Police took one person into custody late last night and four more this morning in connection with the Rameshwaram Cafe blast case in Bengaluru.

Reports from Bengaluru said that the Police are currently conducting investigations at an undisclosed location. At present, the identities of these individuals remain undisclosed.

The Bengaluru Police has invoked stringent provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosive Substances Act and officials from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) also arrived at the scene to conduct inquiries into the incident.

CCTV footage of the suspect wearing a cap, glasses and a mask around an hour before the explosion at 12.56 pm in Bengaluru yesterday.

CM Siddaramaiah held a high-level meeting of Police Officers today afternoon. One of the injured persons is from Mysuru and has been identified as 41-year-old Mohan. The CM also visited the place of the blast and spoke to the victims at the hospitals.

(See POLICE on page 7).

Exclusive Police Health Centre opens in city

CM Siddaramaiah inspecting the Police Health Centre at Jalapuri this morning as MLAs Tanveer Sait and K. Harishgowda, City Top Cop B. Ramesh, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&BCT)- An exclusive Police Health Centre has been established in Mysuru, exclusively designed to address the healthcare needs of the numerous Policemen serving in both the District and City wings of the Police force.

Situated at Jalapuri on Gayathripuram Road near the SP Office Circle, the Health Centre was inaugurated this morning by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 crore, the facility was initiated during the tenure of the previous City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta. Initially a small Police quarters, it has now been converted into a fully-equipped healthcare facility.

Importantly, the Health Centre was developed using funds from the Police Kalyana Nidhi, without any financial assistance from the State Government. The facility is designed to conduct health check-ups for more than 5,000 Policemen annually.

(See CENTRE on page 5)

Water theft with pipes uncovered at KRS Dam

Water clandestinely pumped to farm houses; officials disconnect supply, seize equipment

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (VK, MR & BCT)- Amidst declining water levels at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya District, distress calls echo across Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya and Ramanagara districts due to acute water scarcity.

This precarious situation notwithstanding, shockingly, it has come to light that certain influential individuals have been clandestinely drawing water from the Dam's backwaters through unauthorised pipelines to fulfil the needs of their farm houses and resorts.

A raid conducted yesterday by authorities of the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) uncovered this illegality, resulting in the confiscation of equipment and immediate intervention to address the issue.

Near the main entrance of the Dam backwaters, a farm house purportedly owned by an influential official was discovered. The facility was equipped with electricity-powered motors surreptitiously drawing water from KRS backwaters through nearly 300 meters of illegal pipelines over several months.

Despite residents raising concerns with CNNL authorities, no substantial action had been taken earlier. The blatant theft of water, especially in a region falling under the Cauvery River basin, has sparked public outrage.

Officials hand-in-glove?

Following the busting of illegal water extraction from the KRS Dam for farm houses, questions arise regarding the possible collusion between CNNL authorities and the offenders. The public alleged that this unholy alliance prompted CNNL authorities to act only after the media uncovered the illegal activity. With the impending summer exacerbating the demand for water, a thorough investigation into the matter is imperative to uncover the truth.

Residents claim to have alerted CNNL authorities about the theft in the past months, but no action was initiated.

(See THEFT on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 2nd March 2024

Inauguration of Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala and Veda Pathashala

Mysuru, Mar. 2- The newly built Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala and Veda Pathashala of Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Mahasabha at the premises of Sri Lakshminarasimha Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, Mysuru, will be inaugurated by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, at 10 am tomorrow (Mar. 3) in the presence of Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji.

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MP Prathap Simha, former Minister S.A. Ramadas, Karnatak Bank Director A.V. Chandrashekar, Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha President Ashok Harnahalli and other dignitaries of the Sabha will be present. President of the local unit Jayaram will preside.

As part of the inauguration, cultural events are organised at 6.30 pm daily, from Mar. 3 to 6 as follows:

Mar. 3 - 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm: Devotional Music by Dr. Vidyabhushana and team.

Mar. 4 - 6.30 pm: 'Prahlada Bhakti' Gamaka Vaachana by Dharitri Ananda Rao and Vyaakhyana by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan; **7.30 pm:** Dance feature 'Sri Lakshminrusimha Kathamrutha' by Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra and troupe.

Mar. 5 - 6.30 pm: 'Laya Lahari,' special musical ensemble by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and team; **8 pm:** Devotional songs by M.H. Venkatesh and team.

Mar. 6 - 6.30 pm: 'Devaranama' by N. Srinath and team; **7.30 pm:** Bharatanatyam by J.K. Suvidya, disciple of Vidu. Padmini Rao.

For details, contact Sabha Secretary Niranjan on Mob: 99865-67700.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

I used to marvel at the dexterity of my dad's brother's small hands. A professional magician, working with an audience at close quarters, it was as though he was gifted with a separate brain in the nimble fingers of his ambidextrous hands. Humans are homo faber, creators of objects, made possible because of the opposable thumb, quite different from other primates. We can grasp tools firmly, sew tiny stitches, even sign between narrow dotted lines. Aristotle called the hand 'tool of tools.' Manual work requires handling of simple tasks, technical tasks work with hands and the brain, while an artist, as well as the sign language user, combines the fingers, brain and emotion.

In spite of thousands of daily tasks, very few of us look closely at our own or others' hands. Women are better at this, especially in jewellery wearing and in manicuring. 'Man' in 'manicure', comes from Latin 'manus', hand, with derivatives manual, manufacture, manuscript, manipulate. The Greek word for 'hand' is 'kheiro', chiro as seen in chirography — handwriting.

The digital age has led to more uses, typing and sending messages. 'Digital' originates from the Latin 'digitus', finger, traditionally used for counting. Hands and lips are the most sensitive parts of our anatomy — sensitive to texture, temperature sensing, to touching and reading, as in Braille.

Positive relational connotations include — handshake, army salute, waving, affectional hands holding, comforting hand on the shoulder of a grieving person. Negative uses are rude and obscene finger gestures, threatening finger pointing, making a fist with intention to cause harm.

Psychologically, handling refers to problem solving, managing conflicting, or stressful emotional situations in order to avoid impulsive reactions as 'flying off the handle.' Hand movements can reveal emotional states — fidgeting, sweating and shaking.

It is good to be reminded that hands are not just a physical assemblage of bones, muscles and nerves but conveyors of thoughts, emotions and of deep significance.

It is said that we don't hold the world's solution in our hands, but we do have our hands to work towards solving the world's problems. *—Homayun Taba in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man wears Police uniform to help sister in exam

Mumbai: A man was arrested for wearing a police uniform and impersonating a police officer to help his sister cheat on her 12th standard exam.

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exams, a pivotal moment for students across Maharashtra began on Feb. 21. A 24-year-old man entered a High School in the town of Patur wearing a khaki Police officer uniform with a very clear goal – to help one student pass the tough exam by passing her cheat sheets.

Anupam Madan Khandare thought he had it all figured out when he got his hands on a realistic police uniform. He planned to infiltrate the examination centre under the pretext of supervising the students and give his sister the information needed to pass the exam. Only things didn't really play out as planned. The 24-year-old fake cop was taken into custody and charged with impersonating a government servant. He now risks spending time behind bars.

Great grandma celebrates her 25th birthday

Oklahoma: A 100-year-old woman is celebrating her 25th birthday on Thursday after being born on the Leap Day in 1924.

Mary Forsythe was recognised by the Centenarians of Oklahoma and the city of Sand Springs issued a proclamation marking her 100th birthday, but Forsythe has only had her Feb. 29 birthday roll around every four years.

Forsythe, a mother of two, grandmother of five and great-grandmother of 11, is celebrated her 25th birthday with a big party at her local church.

Forsythe said non-Leap Years were an excuse to have birthday parties on multiple days.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Jyotirlinga Darshana inauguration tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will inaugurate the week-long (Mar. 3 to 10) Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Punyadarshana, illuminated 21-ft Shivalinga Darshana, Sahasralinga Darshana and spiritual expo, organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya as part of Mahashivaratri, at 'Om Shanti Mantapa' near Chandrakala Hospital on Kalidasa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, at 6 pm tomorrow (Mar. 3). Noted singer Amma Ramachandra will present a devotional music concert preceding the inauguration at 5 pm (Mar. 3).

Jagadguru Sri Somashekar Shivacharya Swamiji of Pushpagiri Mutt, Halebeedu, Belur taluk, Hassan district and BK Lakshmiji, Chief Convenor of Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru, will grace the occasion.

Mandya Additional DC Dr. H.L. Nagaraj, former Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) and K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. T.P. Shobha will be the chief guests.

The Darshana will be open for public on all days till Mar. 10. There will be discourse and cultural programmes in the evening of all days from Mar. 4.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **89.98 feet**	Today's level **2,269.86 feet**	Today's level **2,830.66feet**
Last year's level **106.18 feet**	Last year's level **2,267.63 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.16 feet**
Yesterday's level **90.06 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,269.95 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.72 feet**
Today's Inflow **279 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **103 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **751 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The heart of a shrimp is located in its head. They also have an open circulatory system, which means they have no arteries and their organs float directly in blood.***
- ***A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out. They have a membrane that holds their tongue in place on the roof of their mouth so it can't move.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Cynthia: *I was told you were writing an article for a magazine.*

Vivek: *Yes. I wrote on superstition.*

Cynthia: *Have you mailed it?*

Vivek: *Not yet as today is an inauspicious day!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.84
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.55
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.83

VOICE OF THE READER

No visibility of road dividers at Nanjangud; No reflectors

Sir,

We encountered a concerning issue during our recent journey from Coimbatore to Mysuru via Nanjangud. It was only 7.30 pm, yet the road divider was barely visible due to the darkness and the blinding glare of high beam lights from vehicles on the opposite side.

This lack of visibility seriously threatens the safety of both vehicles and passengers. It's perplexing to see such a critical safety aspect overlooked despite the substantial funds allocated for road repairs annually.

The absence of reflectors or painted road dividers, as well as clear road strips along the edges, should be integral components of the budgetary estimates prepared by experienced executive engineers. After all, isn't ensuring public safety paramount?

Moreover, the absence of signboards at major junction crossings exacerbates the situation. Drivers are left with no choice but to stop and ask for directions from pedestrians or rely solely on navigation apps like Google Maps, creating unnecessary obstacles for everyone on the road.

Even at places like the Bogadi signal on the Ring Road, where some signage exists, its partial disappearance adds to the confusion and ambiguity.

These issues must be addressed promptly to ensure the safety and convenience of all road users.

—G.W. Sudhir

Bogadi
26.2.2024

Gold and Silk Expo inaugurated in city

Rotary District Governor Rtn. H.R. Keshav inaugurating the gold jewellery and silk expo of Sree Kumaran Jewellers and The Chennai Silks at Hotel Quorum on Hunsur Road in city yesterday as Relationship Manager O.V. Jayakumar, Assistant General Manager R. Suresh Kumar and others look on. The expo is open to public from 10 am to 8 pm and will conclude tomorrow.

Three-day Roots & Tuber Mela begins at Nexus Mall

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MK&KS)- The three-day Roots and Tuber Mela, organised by Sahaja Samrudha, began at Nexus Centre City Mall, Nazarbad, in city last evening. The Mela was launched by Delhi Public School Principal Manju Sharma, who said that roots and tubers were nutritious and the urban populace, apart from getting useful information can also purchase roots and tubers.

Krishna Prasad of Sahaja Samrudha said that the roots and tubers, which are grown naturally are filled with nutrients which can be consumed without fear. "The Mela has been organised to introduce roots and tubers in daily diet and also to youths. Purple yam, sweet potato, green and black turmeric etc. are available at the Mela. There are over 10 stalls where roots and tubers and their products are kept on display and for sale and mouth-watering dishes such as jolada rotti, ragi rotti, desi carrot halwa, dishes made from roots and tubers, jaggery ice cream, varieties of juices are available at the Mela venue," he added.

Delhi Public School senior teachers Ameera Subohui, Nandita Philip, Sahaja Samrudha's Seema, Nexus Mall's Mohan Kumar, Manu, Junaid, Madhu, Mithun, Amruth and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Mahaamayi' play at Natana tomorrow

Natana School of Theatre Arts (Natana Rangashaale) will be re-enacting the popular play 'Mahaamayi' at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar at 6.30 pm tomorrow (Mar. 3). The play is written by Jnanpith Awardee Dr. Chandrashekar Kambara and is directed by the Natana Rangashaale Principal Megha Sameer. [Mob: 72595-37777, 94804-68327]

Training for CET, NEET exams

KSOU Examinations Training Centre and Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions will organise 30-day training programme for CET and NEET exams. Interested students can register their names at Centre's office in KSOU before Mar. 7. [Ph: 0821-2515944]

Various contests

As part of International Women's Day Celebrations, city's Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya has organised various contests for women at the Vishwavidyalaya premises on 3rd Main Road, Yadavagiri, adjacent to Sunanda School, at 10 am on Mar. 5. The contests include Fancy dress (Theme: Indian culture), Extempore speech (Subject: Life values), Singing (Bhaktigeethe, Bhavageethe and Janapadageethe), Desi games, filling of buckets etc., Winners will get prizes. [Mob: 94483-68019, 79757-85643]

Hearing check-up

Vaibhav Speech and Hearing Centre, as part of World Hearing Day has organised a free hearing check up camp on Mar. 3 at its premises on Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar. Those suffering from hearing problems may make use of the camp. [Ph: 0821-4194343 or Mob: 98442-55757]

Ph.D awardee

P.N. Pavana has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), for her thesis 'A Study on Occupational Health and Safety Measures of Select Manufacturing Industries in Karnataka.' [Guide: Dr. Aluregowda]

Savithri Poojari has been awarded Ph.D in Sanskrit by the Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru, for her thesis 'Kalidasasya Kavyesu Strisamajasya Samiksatmakam Adhyayanam' [Guide: Prof. C. Palaiah]

DC asks officials to ensure strict enforcement of Model Code of Conduct

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (DM)- With the Lok Sabha polls round the corner, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has asked officials and other staff to strictly monitor the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) that comes into effect once the poll schedule is announced.

He was addressing officials at Duties and Responsibilities meeting to sensitise different levels of poll staff, at the ZP office here yesterday.

Pointing out that election officials who will be attached to FS, SST, VST, VVT and Police sectors must take their job seriously, the DC said that they should understand the Election Commission's (EC) directives and guidelines and follow them.

"The officials must ensure that election expenses are regularly and correctly maintained by all the candidates contesting the LS polls. Also, they should keep a vigil on the poll expenses", he said adding that the poll staff must concentrate on the conduct of impartial and fair polls.

Instructing the officials to send timely reports as directed by the EC, he said that the MCC teams, including Expenses Observors, Flying Squads and Video Surveillance, Video Viewing Teams and Static Surveillance Teams must swing into action once the MCC comes into force.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra presiding over a meeting on enforcement of Model Code of Conduct ahead of Lok Sabha polls, in Mysuru yesterday as ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and other Officers look on.

Stressing on the need for officials to carry out their assigned tasks honestly, he said that the officials concerned must be directed to pull down the names of Ministers and other elected representatives from websites and other public displays.

Continuing, Dr. Rajendra said officials must ensure drinking water, toilets and other amenities at all polling booths, he said that ramps must be erected at polling booths for the benefit of the physically challenged.

Asking the officials to start making arrangements for setting up of check posts, the DC said that overall, the officials must make all arrangements and preparations for enforcement of MCC.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, who also addressed the meeting, said that no one should take poll related works lightly.

She stressed on the role of team work in ensuring fair conduct of polls.

MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dineshkumar, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner A. Devaraj and other officials were present.

MP to inaugurate Sriram Yuva Brigade tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 2- MP Prathap Simha will inaugurate the newly formed Sriram Yuva Brigade at Ravishankar Layout in Bogadi at 10.30 am tomorrow (Mar. 3).

Prathap Simha

A voluntary blood donation camp and a Health Check-up camp too have been organised as part of the inauguration. City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra will preside. MLAs T.S. Srivatsa and G.T. Devegowda, Suyog Hospital founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar district Judicial employees Credit Co-operative Society President M.V. Seshadri will be the Guests of Honour.

'Shut down private labs within 200-metre radius of Govt. Hospitals'

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&BS)- Private laboratories located within 200-metre radius of Government Hospitals in the State are set to face music, with the Commissioner of Department of Health and Family Welfare issuing a order to the District Health Officers (DHOs) to shut down such labs, citing violations of Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act.

The State Government has taken a stringent step in the wake of complaints received in this regard from the public. According to law, no consent should be given for private laboratories within 200-metre radius of Government Hospitals. However, some laboratories are functioning within the stipulated distance.

In a circular issued from the Office of the Health and Family Welfare Department Commissioner, it has been succinctly explained about the action to be taken under specified rules.

According to the order effective from Apr. 4, 2019, under Section 6, Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act (Amendment) Bill 2017, no new private laboratories are permitted to function within 200-metre radius of the hospitals either owned by State Government, Central Government, local bodies, society or changed from autonomous institute.

Deputy Commissioners, who are also the Chairman of Registration and District Grievances Redressal Authority and District Health Officers (DHOs) had been ordered to carry out inspections and take action by shutting down such labs under Section (22) of KPME Act 2007. However, no action was taken till date in any of the districts in the State.

In this backdrop, the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Department has issued an order to inspect private laboratories opened after Apr. 4, 2019 and initiate action as per Section (22) of KPME Act 2007.

The action taken report should be submitted before Mar. 30, the DHO has been told, with a clear instruction not to permit any private laboratories in violation of law, added a press release from the Office of Health Department Commissioner.

Survey after Mar. 10: DHO

Mysuru DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy said "A survey to identify private laboratories functioning within 200-metre radius of Government Hospitals in the district will be taken from Mar. 10 onwards. The Taluk Health Officers (THOs) have been directed to conduct spot inspection and verify the documents. With the staff busy involved in the survey of Guarantee Schemes, Pulse Polio Vaccination and other works, the survey related to laboratories will be taken up from Mar. 10 onwards."

BJP office-bearers' list announced

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (SBD&TRR)- Following instructions given by State President B.Y. Vijayendra, city BJP President L. Nagendra has appointed the following as city BJP office-bearers.

M.A. Mohan

M.A. Mohan has been appointed as the spokesperson of the party and K. Devaraj as the Asst. spokesman. S.K. Dinesh, T. Ramesh, Hema Nandish, Vishweshwaraiah, Someshekar Raju, C.K. Rudramurthy, N. Manjunath (Jogi Manju) and H.S. Vedaraj have been appointed as Vice-Presidents.

M.R. Balakrishna, Krishnamurthy Rawat, Dr. Bhanuprakash, P. Narayana, Kirangowda, M.S. Punith, G. Nagendra Kumar (Cable) M. Monica will be the new city BJP Secretaries, Mahaveer Jain, Treasurer, Nandakumar office Secretary, Mahesh Raje Urs as Madhyam Pramukh and B.M. Santosh Kumar as Asst. Pramukh.

Six probationary Dy.SPs pass out from KPA

A group photo of Probationary Dy.SPs who passed out from Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) seen with Senior Police Officers. Picture right shows Probationary Dy.SP (Civil) Vijayakranti receiving the CM's Sword from ADGP (Training) Alok Kumar during the passing out ceremony at KPA in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&KS)- The Passing Out Parade of the 38th batch of six Probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy.SP-Civil) and Deputy Superintendents of Excise, was held at the new auditorium of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in city this morning.

The probationary Dy.SPs, who underwent training, are Vijayakranti, Geetha Patil and Murthuja Khadri (Civil) and B. Harsharaj, T. Keerthi Kumar and Santosha Modagi (Excise).

ADGP (Training) Alok Kumar, who was chief guest at the passing out parade, received the guard of honour. Speaking on the occasion, Alok Kumar said that IPS, KSPS or KSEPS were service oriented and the Probationary Officers should work for the betterment of public safety.

Pointing out that KPA has provided training for everyone, he said that every Police Officer should work without getting a black mark during their service. Physical and mental fitness is the key for efficient work, he opined.

Prizes: Probationary Dy.SP (Civil) Vijayakranti bagged prizes in Best Firing, Best Outdoor Probationer and Best Indoor Probationer. She was awarded with DG&IG Cup, Chief Minister's trophy, CM's Sword and DG&IG baton.

Retired DG&IGP Garudachar gave away the cash prizes. KPA Director Lokesh B. Jagalasar, KPA Dy. Director N. Niranjana Raj Urs, Asst. Directors T. Kumar & M. Shivashankar were present.

'Implement legal provisions strictly to prevent female foeticide'

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&VNS)- About 4.5 lakh cases of female foeticide cases have been reported in the country since 2001, said Dr. Vivek Dorai, Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru, here this morning.

Speaking at a one-day workshop on 'Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act and Pre-conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act [KPMEA and PC & PNDT Act]' organised by District KPMEA, PC and PNDT Division, Office of the District Health & Family Welfare Office, Mysuru, at a private hotel in city, he said according to the data released by the Central Govt., a total of 45,000 cases of female foeticide cases are being reported every year in country and expressed his fear of being faced with gender imbalance with the reducing female population in the society.

Dr. Vivek Dorai

Stating that with the fall in female population finding brides was becoming difficult, Dr. Vivek said that PC and PNDT Act, which was first introduced in Maharashtra in 1998, had been introduced throughout the country in 194 after certain modification to stop the menace of female foeticide. He also urged the DHOs and other concerned officials to ensure that the Act was strictly implemented in their respective areas.

Citing the example of recently reported female foeticide cases in Mandya, Dr. Vivek said that the authorities till date had not identified the scanning machine used for sex determination of foetus. "DHOs and Health Officers must ensure that the scanning machines used in diagnostic units are registered," he said and added that scanning centres were using unique methods to inform the family members about the sex of the foetus. While jasmine flower is handed over to inform about the male foetus, the centre are giving pink rose to determine the female foetus, he said.

DHOs and Health Officers from various districts under the Mysuru Revenue Division took part in the workshop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Health Centre opens

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Equipped with six regular beds and two emergency beds, along with a fully functional laboratory and medical store, it aims to provide comprehensive healthcare services. Plans are underway to procure an ambulance to facilitate the shifting of Policemen requiring medical attention to this facility.

Additionally, the centre features an outpatient department and its amenities have been tailored to resemble those of a well-equipped Primary Health Centre. Dr. Venkatesh Babu has been deputed as the Deputy Chief Medical Officer to the Police Health Centre along with an assistant and a pharmacist.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs Tanveer Sait and K. Harishgowda, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, IGP (Southern Range) Amit Singh, Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, Superintendent of Police Seema Latkar and others were present during the inauguration.

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We need Lakes, Now

Summer is here and water woes are set to begin as water levels in KRS and Kabini Reservoirs are steadily diminishing.

But not to worry, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is prepared like it always is with, unfortunately, a temporary solution. But when will we get a permanent solution?

The MCC, realising that the KRS Dam has water only to last us two months, has devised a strategy — the same old strategy — utilising private borewells and water tankers.

Similar measures have been taken in Bengaluru. Yesterday, anticipating drinking water crisis in the coming days, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the Government has called for tenders to supply drinking water through private tankers.

Every Government, be it Congress, BJP or JD(S), never tries to find a permanent solution to this water problem, why? Because there is money to be made in a water crisis?

Now, borewell owners and tanker owners will make money, and most of them will be connected to the ruling party. Not to forget the compensation they will claim from the Union Government in the name of drought.

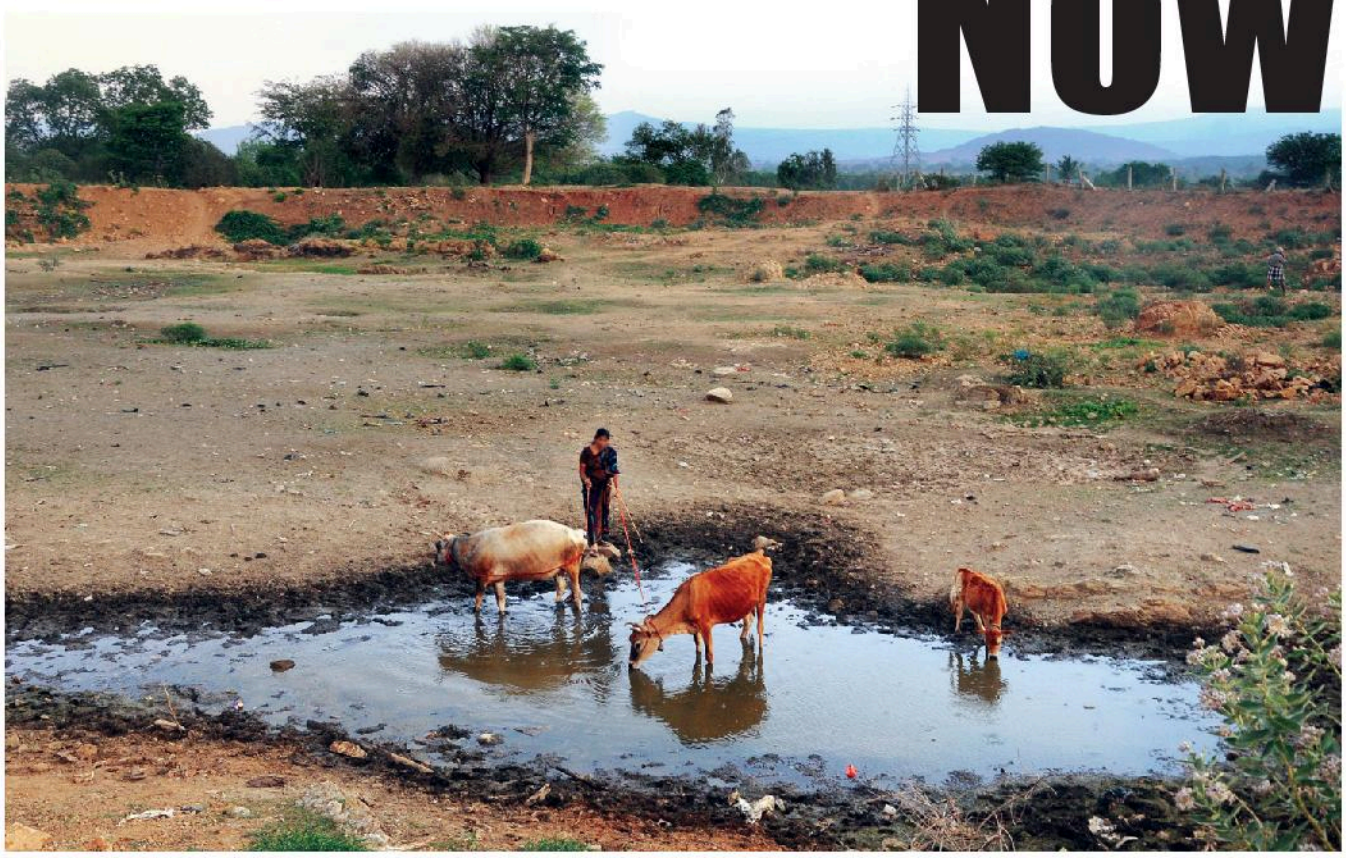
If the Government is serious about solving the water problem — both water shortage and flooding — then it is time to look at lake conservation seriously.

This attitude of 'temporary' fix cannot go on forever. Ground water has already dropped drastically over the years. With more layouts coming up, with more deforestation, Mysuru will end up like Bengaluru — a city with bad air and no water.

Bengaluru, a city that was once called 'The land of a 1000 lakes' and known world over as the 'Garden City', today is number two on a United Nations list of cities that will run out of drinking water in the next 15 years !

Yet none of the Governments have come up with a long-term plan to solve this basic problem. But our Dy. CM wants to visit Singapore to learn how to make underground tunnel roads instead of rejuvenating lakes.

Our kings and 'colonisers' took better care of our cities than our leaders in Independent Democratic India. Here's an example of what they did to fulfil basic perennial need of Bengaluru — water.



A dried up lake near Chamundi Hill as Raja Kaluves are blocked.

Bengaluru has no perennial river close and the city is 3,000 feet above sea level. So, both Kempe Gowda, the founder of Bengaluru, and later Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Hieram Sankey (after whom Sankey Tank is named), developed a system called 'Cascading of Lakes.'

This was a natural rainwater harvesting system wherein the rain water is collected first in the lakes at the higher level and once these filled up, it flowed to the lakes in the next level via 30-ft wide inlets called *Raja Kaluves.*

When the second-level lakes also filled up, the surplus flowed to the third-level of lakes and so on till the excess water from the last level of lakes flowed into the four natural drainage valleys of Challaghatta, Koramangala, Hebbal and Vrishabhavathi.

The system was so efficient that when the Captain of the British East India Company came to Bengaluru he described it as the 'Land of a thousand lakes.' But today, how many lakes do we have in Bengaluru?

According to a 2013 report submitted by V. Balasubramanian, a former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, titled 'Death of Lakes and the Future of Bangalore' he notes "*There are now only 189 tanks that are 'live' but these 'live' tanks are only storing sewage waste water which is causing groundwater contamination.*"

Our Government does not understand the importance of lakes in making a city liveable. That is why the Government irresponsibly constructed a hockey stadium on Akkithimanahalli Lake, converted Dharmambudhi Lake into Kempegowda Bus Stand, turned Sampangi Lake into Kanteerava Sports Complex and built a National Games Village on Koramangala Lake.

When the Government itself sees lakes as potential real estate, our cities will go thirsty during summer and will flood in monsoon.

Mysuru too is headed the Bengaluru way. May be, that is why Rohini Sindhuri, former DC of Mysuru, had declared protection of Government land and lakes as her priority for Mysuru.

In Mysuru, many grand lakes have been killed by an indifferent administration.

Jeevannarayana Katte, which is now called J.K. Grounds was a small lake. It went dry as buildings came around it, and the feeder channels were blocked.

Then there is Doddakere Maidan in front of the Palace; it suffered the same fate.

Subbarayanakere in front of Shantala Theatre also used to be a lake; now it's dry too. Even the channels to Kukkarahalli Lake are covered hindering fresh water flow.

Then there are other lakes in the city that have been slowly encroached upon, like Lingambudhi Lake near Vivekananda Nagar, Devanur Lake in N.R. Mohalla and lakes on Nanjangud Road.

Numerous water bodies on the outskirts of Mysuru going towards Hunsur have been covered, and now Choultries sit pretty on them.

Even the Yelethota that leads to Nanjangud Road was a swamp that sucked up water preventing flooding. It is now being sold to builders. So where is the rainwater supposed to go? Obviously, into our homes.

As Mysuru grows, lakes will become important. Lakes can ease the impact of floods and droughts by storing large amounts of water while also replenishing groundwater.

Already the depth to which we have to dig a borewell for water has gotten deeper. It will only get worse if we do not preserve our lakes.

This means we need an organisation for urban planning…Oh ! but we do have one, it's called MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) and lake rejuvenation and protection doesn't figure in its priority list. We are doomed.

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Water theft with pipes uncovered

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Despite clear evidence of daylight water theft at the KRS Dam, authorities have been sluggish in conducting investigations, drawing widespread criticism. Prompted by local media inputs, officials have finally initiated raids. In addition to confiscating motors and pipelines, authorities have disconnected illicit electrical connections supplying water to farm houses and resorts.

During the raid, a worker from the farm house disclosed that the property belonged to an influential Police Officer. "We have been employed at the farm house, earning a meagre salary of Rs. 6,000 per month. Both my son and I work here," the worker revealed, also confirming the extraction of water from the Dam in recent months.

Questions have arisen regarding unequal treatment in the Cauvery issue, with farmer leaders expressing outrage over the lack of action against influential individuals while farmers and residents grapple with water scarcity. They lamented the delayed response from the Mandya District Administration, despite the declaration of a ban on water release.

In response to mounting public anger, officials have initiated a thorough investigation into the unauthorised water extraction facilitated by electric motors.

CNNL AEE Kishore Kumar led the raids. Officials have asserted that the unauthorised diversion of water is unacceptable, vowing to take appropriate action to address the issue.

Action in Mysuru District also

Under the leadership of CNNL Assistant Executive Engineer Kishore Kumar and Assistant Engineer Suresh Babu, operations were conducted around the backwaters of the dam. An unauthorised water pipeline was discovered at a resort in the Hale Unduwadi village of Mysuru district, prompting officials to promptly sever the supply line.

Furthermore, authorities also dismantled pipes that had been illicitly laid by some farmers on their lands. During the raid in Hale Unduwadi village, a farmer pleaded with officials not to disconnect the pipes, citing their necessity for watering livestock and fodder.

Presently, the KRS Dam has 89.98 feet of water, considerably below its maximum capacity of 124.80 feet. The total water collection currently amounts to 15.973 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet), while the maximum capacity is 49.452 tmcft. With a dead storage of 5 tmcft, the usable water capacity is now limited to only 11 tmcft.

Police take 5 into custody

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Sources close to the investigation suggest that authorities suspect one of the persons being questioned may have ties to the primary accused in the Cafe blast. Top sources have indicated that Friday's blast could potentially be an act of terror. The Improvised Explosive Device (IED) used in the blast appears to have been assembled by an individual with considerable expertise in such devices.

Police scrutinising connections

Authorities are exploring various angles in their investigation, with a particular focus on the possible involvement of individuals associated with the banned outfit Popular Front of India (PFI). The Police are scrutinising connections to Dakshina Kannada District and Kerala, as PFI has been known to have a robust presence in both regions.

The impact of the blast, as per the sources, was exacerbated due to the utilisation of nuts and bolts in the explosive device. Authorities have confirmed that the explosion was indeed a low-intensity IED blast. The investigation has revealed that a timer mechanism was employed to trigger the blast.

Details emerging from the examination of the explosive device indicate that a 9-volt battery was installed within the IED, providing additional insights into the composition of the device.

Notably, investigators have found that instead of traditional shrapnel, the assailant utilised nuts and bolts, a deliberate choice that could have intensified the impact of the blast. The police have obtained CCTV footage capturing the moments leading up to the explosion. The footage shows an individual entering the cafe, taking a token from the cash counter and subsequently placing a bag in the washing area.

Probe is on: CM

Meanwhile, in Mysuru, Siddaramaiah said that the Police have initiated a manhunt to apprehend the suspect believed to be responsible for the blast. Addressing the media at his residence in Ramakrishnanagar this morning, Siddaramaiah disclosed that CCTV images depict the suspect wearing a mask and a P-cap.

According to Siddaramaiah, the suspect disembarked from a bus and entered the café, where he obtained a breakfast token and sat down. Subsequently, he planted an explosive device equipped with a timer and departed, with actions captured by the café's CCTV system.

The CM noted that initial information does not confirm whether the act was carried out by an individual or a group. He clarified that it has not been determined if the incident constitutes an act of terror, underscoring that a thorough investigation is underway.

Cooker bomb blast

In contrast to the November 2022 Mangaluru cooker bomb blast, Siddaramaiah stated there is no similarity between that incident and the Bengaluru café blast. Regarding allegations of "Pakistan Zindabad" slogans raised at Vidhana Soudha recently, Siddaramaiah explained that the police are awaiting the FSL report before taking action. He assured that his Government would not shield any wrongdoers.

Earlier in the morning, the CM received public grievances at his residence, where people from the city and nearby villages gathered to voice their concerns. Amidst the crowd, Siddaramaiah tripped but was quickly assisted by those around him, allowing him to regain his balance and receive the grievances calmly.

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No value for freedom without socio-economic equality: CM

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (SBD&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah emphasised the importance of economic and social equality alongside political freedom, stating, "Freedom alone cannot suffice without ensuring economic and social equity in society."

Addressing a national seminar on 'Contemporary Distresses in Indian Democracy' organised by the Union of Progressive Organisations to commemorate the 90th birth anniversary of social activist P. Mallesh at Kalamandira yesterday, the CM highlighted that while democracy grants equal voting rights, true political equality must be complemented by socio-economic democracy.

Siddaramaiah underscored the significance of social and economic parity, asserting that without it, freedom loses its essence in society. He attributed prevailing social and economic disparities to the caste system, citing the historical impact of Manusmriti, which deprived shudras and women of education.

The event witnessed the presence of notable figures including progressive thinker Teesta Setalvad from Gujarat, journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, event organiser Savita Mallesh, activists Ugra Narasimhe Gowda and Prof. Kalachanne Gowda, along with Umadevi, Abhiruchi Ganesh and T. Gururaj.

Centre scuttling all pro-people issues: Activist Teesta Setalvad

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&BS)- Civil rights activist and journalist Teesta Setalvad launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government, accusing it of suppressing movements led by farmers and various communities across the country through confrontational tactics.

Setalvad made these remarks while inaugurating a two-day national seminar organised by the Union of Progressive Organisations to commemorate the 90th birth anniversary of social activist P. Mallesh at Kalamandira yesterday.

"In the past nine-and-a-half years, the Centre has declared war on all communities. The foundational principles of the Constitution are gradually being dismantled and farmers, who are the backbone of our nation, are being treated as enemies. Drones manufactured by Adani are being used against protesting farmers and barricades with nails have been erected on the roads of Delhi to hinder their movement," said Setalvad.

She further criticised the administration's focus on statues rather than investing in education and scientific advancement, accusing the Government of prioritising what she called divisive ideologies over the welfare of the people.

Setalvad went on to assert that the RSS views the Constitution as a hindrance, aiming to impose Manusmriti's caste system. She lamented the erosion of fundamental rights, a hallmark of the Constitution, by Governments backed by the BJP.

Highlighting incidents such as unrest in Manipur, Setalvad accused the Government of suppressing dissent and perpetuating violence against marginalised communities. She criticised the Parliament's silence on these issues and condemned the curtailment of movements that challenge the government's authority.

Senior advocate and socialist Prof. K. Ravivarma Kumar echoed similar sentiments, alleging a destabilisation of India's democratic institutions by the Modi government. He criticised the government's disregard for Parliamentary procedures and its suppression of Opposition voices.

The event was attended by former director of Rangayana C. Basavalingaiah, social activist Anshul Avijit, the grandson of former Deputy Prime Minister of India late Babu Jagjivan Ram, and other prominent figures.

Protests by farmers, jobless youths set to intensify, warns Prakash Raj

Prakash Raj

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&BS)- Multilingual actor Prakash Raj has suggested that movements initiated by farmers and unemployed youth could intensify in the future if the Central Government continues to disregard their concerns.

Addressing a lecture titled 'Aspirations of A Democratic System' at Kalamandira yesterday, Prakash Raj expressed concern about the growing anger among jobless youth and farmers, manifested through protests. He warned of challenging times ahead with no signs of peace on the horizon.

Prakash Raj criticised the democratic system for failing to instil a sense of brotherhood and awareness among children, contributing to the emergence of pressing issues. He urged individuals to question political leaders without fear, emphasising that the responsibility for the ongoing distress lies with society itself.

In a critique of the media, Prakash Raj condemned what he called one-sided reporting and highlighted the role of leaders who prioritise temple inaugurations over pressing social issues, contributing to the prevailing distress. Writer G.P. Basavaraju and theatre personality H. Janardhan (Janni) also attended the event.

K. Marigowda takes charge as MUDA Chairman

'Have plans to build 25,000 houses for poor, middle class'

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU, DM & BS)- Senior Congress leader and former Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President K. Marigowda took charge as the new Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at its office on JLB Road here yesterday.

A close aide of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Marigowda took charge of his new role by offering puja to the portraits of Gods-Srinivasa, Padmavathi and Ganapathy, amid the slogans raised by his large number of supporters hailing Siddaramaiah and Marigowda.

A portrait of CM Siddaramaiah was also brought and kept at the chamber of new MUDA Chairman.

He (Marigowda) fulfilled the formalities related to assuming the charge under the direction of MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar.

Later speaking to presspersons, Marigowda said, he plans to construct 25,000 houses for the poor and middle class. Pointing out that an action plan will be prepared in this regard, he said: "I know about the problems in MUDA as I myself is a Mysurean. There are complaints about the menace of middlemen. I will call a meeting of officials on Monday and direct them to take strict action for ending this menace."

Maintaining that he will give importance for protecting MUDA properties, Marigowda said he knows about the encroachment of lakes, canals and several other areas. Measures will be taken for clearing encroachments at the earliest, he added.

Continuing, Marigowda said that MUDA is not meant only for issuing NOCs and doing land conversions. The Authority also works for the development of the city and priority will be given for construction of overbridges on Outer Ring Road (ORR) and providing basic infrastructure for sites, he said.

Stating that the poor will be provided sites, he said that works on formation of 2,400 sites is underway in Ramabainagar area in accordance with the plan. These sites once fully developed, will be distributed amongst all sections of the society, he added.

Observing that people are facing a situation where they have to run from pillar to post for getting their work done and this is because of lack of co-ordination between departments, he said that he would direct the officials to set things right so that people are not inconvenienced.

Pointing out that he has been with Siddaramaiah since 1983, Marigowda said that he would give his best for making Mysuru a model city under the guidance of the CM.

MUDA Secretary G.D. Shekar, City Congress President R. Murthy, Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leaders K.S. Shivaram, Shivanna and others were present.

'Ahimsa Run' posters launched

National leader of Ladies Circle Namratha Shenoy recently launched the poster of 'Ahimsa Run,' a flagship event to be hosted by JITO Ladies Wing Mysuru in city soon. Also seen are Kantilal Jain, JITO Chairman, Goutam Salecha, Chief Secretary, JITO Mysuru, Mahendra Katariya, Vice-Chair of JITO Mysuru, KKG Convenor Chandragupt Katariya, Ramesh Navlakha, Dr. Prakash Dak, JITO Ladies Wing Chairman Mona Bhatewra, Chief Secretary Rajani Daagliya, Vice-Chairman Sapna Gandhi, Treasurer Saritha Baghmar and Joint Secretary Meenakshi Kothari.

Keragodu villagers display harmony

Mandya, Mar. 2 (DM)- Weeks after Keragodu village witnessed bandhs,protests and turmoil over Hanumadhwaja row, the villagers displayed harmony by hoisting the Hanumadhwaja and the National flag at Keragodu, when Mandya MLA Ganiga Ravikumar visited the village on Friday.

Upon his visit to the village, Ganiga Ravikumar was warmly welcomed by the villagers. Later,the MLA announced grants to different temples in Keragodu, much to the delight of villagers. The grants announced include Rs.4 lakh to Deviramma temple, Rs.1.5 lakh each to Anjaneyaswamy temple, Honnammadevi temple, Channakeshava temple and Doddammatayi temple and Rs.2 lakh to Marilinganadoddi Srirama temple.

The MLAs visit is said to have ended the row, with villagers displaying solidarity by hoisting the Hanumadhwaja and National flag.

The police had provided tight security during the MLA's visit.

Police stop farmers from laying siege to City Railway Station

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (GA&VNS)- Members of Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association were taken into preventive custody while they tried to stage a rail-roko protesting against the alleged anti-farmers policies of the Central Government, here yesterday.

The farmers, who arrived in front of the City Railway Station, were stopped by the Police at the entrance during which the scuffle broke out between the protesters and the Police. When the Police tried to take them into custody, the farmers held a snap protest shouting slogans against the Central Government and also tried to barge into the Railway Station stating they had every right to enter the Railway Station.

Later, they were taken into preventive custody and were lodged at CAR grounds before releasing them later in the evening.

Demanding Minimum Support Price (MSP), the farmers alleged that the Central Government which showed concerns about waiving off the loans sanctioned to the capitalists was not coming forward to safeguard the interest of the farmers.

"The Central Government has taken initiatives to implement M.S. Swaminathan's Report, Farmers Pension Scheme, Crop Insurance among others including compensation to 750 farmers who had lost their lives in fight for their rights last year," they added.

The protesters also mentioned that the farmers when asked for justice were being subjected to golibar which was nothing but disrespect to the farming community. "Farmers from Punjab and Haryana, who are protesting in Delhi, are being termed as anti-nationals which is far from the truth. They are not anti-nationals but people who are fighting for their rights. The protests will continue till the demands are fulfilled by the Central Government," the protesters said.

Sexual assault on minor: Man gets a 17-year prison term

Mandya, Mar. 2- The Mandya Additional District Sessions Court, which also functions as a Fast Track Court, has handed down a 17-year jail term to a man accused of sexually assaulting a minor.

The accused, identified as K.J. Sampath, a resident of Sathanur village in Mandya taluk but residing in K. Hosahalli village in Nagamangala taluk, was sentenced by Special Judge K.A. Nagajyothi.

The incident occurred on Nov. 6, 2015, when the accused, who had been observing a 13-year-old girl's routine of going to and from school, approached her near the Kalikamba Temple in the town. He coerced her into assisting him in transporting a bicycle purportedly meant for his sister to his home.

Subsequently, he forcibly took the girl to a forested area near Hampapura, approximately 8 to 10 kilometers away from Mandya, where he threatened her with a knife and subjected her to sexual harassment.

Following the incident, the then Sub-Inspector of Mandya East Police Station registered a case, leading to the arrest and interrogation of the accused, during which the details of the crime emerged.

The case was subsequently transferred to Keregodu Police Station, where the then Circle Inspector B.K. Suresh Kumar initiated legal proceedings under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. After thorough investigation, a charge-sheet was submitted to the Court.

After hearing arguments from both sides, Special Judge K.M. Nagajyothi found the accused guilty and sentenced him to 17 years in jail. Special Public Prosecutor Hebbakavadi Nagaraju represented the Government in the case.

Release of River Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

Cauvery Kriya Samithi members hold protest

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (GA&VNS)- Members of Cauvery Kriya Samithi staged a protest in front of CADA office against the release of River Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, here yesterday.

The protesters tried to lay a siege on the CADA office when the Police foiled their attempt and took them into preventive custody before releasing them.

The protesters alleged that the State Government had failed to present the facts before the Court resulting in the release of water to Tamil Nadu.

Stating that the State Government had not acted to address the drought situation in catchment area, the protesters said that the State Government must work towards conserving water. "The Congress party which protested demanding for the implementation of Mekedatu project gaining political mileage is now silent without finding solution to the ongoing River Cauvery issue.

Samithi Chief Convener Mooguru Nanjundaswamy, Mellahalli Mahadevaswamy, M.J. Suresh Gowda, Tejas Lokesh Gowda, Bogadi Siddegowda, Varakodu Krishnegowda and others were present.

Villagers demand clearing of compound to facilitate completion of road work

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&TRR)- Residents of KHB Colony and Belavadi village have urged authorities to clear the compound built on a road by a private individual so that the ongoing road work between KHB Colony and Belavadi is completed soon.

In their memorandum to Chief Minister and Hootgalli City Municipal Council (CMC) Commissioner, the residents have said that about 80% of road works have already been completed and urged them to facilitate the completion of the road work by clearing the compound which is halting the progress of the road work.

A local resident Rajaram (Gopalrao) has constructed a compound across road between KHB colony and Belavadi even though a 220 KV power line passes through the road.

The compound is obstructing the proposed UGD and road works, causing inconvenience to public who want to commute.

The public in their memorandum submitted to the CMC Commissioner have urged him to clear the compound and allow the contractor to complete the pending road works.

Obituary

Pushpa

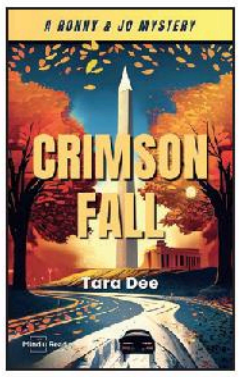
Mysuru, Mar. 2- Pushpa (73), wife of late M.V. Paramesh and a resident of Jayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She is survived by sons CESC Assistant Executive Engineer M.P. Prashanth and M.P. Sandesh, daughters-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 2)

- **Nexus Centre City, Sahaja Samruddha and Hulikadu - Farmers Producer Company:** Roots and Tubes Festival, Nexus Centre City, Nazarbad, **up to 10 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Government College of Teacher Education:** Vachana Vaachana-Vyaakyana and Essay Competition, University of Mysore's DoS in Computer Science Professor Dr. D.S. Guru inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Government College of Teacher Education, Vasantha Mahal, Nazarbad, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Launching of book 'Crimson Fall: A Ronny & Jo Mystery' authored by Tara Dee and co-authored by Swati Chanda and Narendra Desirazu, published by 'Mind u Read,' releasing of the book by film critic & author Maithili Rao, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem will be in conversation with the authors, Club House of Sankalp Central Park, 2nd Floor, Jawa Main Road, Medar Block, Yadavagiri, **5.30 pm.**



- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Service and Salvation - Letter of Swami Vivekananda' by Swami Vipranandaji, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Prakash Performing Arts Trust (PPAT):** 'Varshabdhi Sambhrama 2024' in memory of late Vidwan A.V. Prakash, Flute Concert by Vid. J.B. Shruthi Sagar (Chennai), accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin and Vid. Delhi Sairam on mridanga, #33, Surya Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Shruthi Sagar

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Vipranandaji speaks on 'Service and Salvation - Letter of Swami Vivekananda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre For Engineers and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), Hindustani vocal recital by Shankar Hugar from Kalaburagi, **6 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Ajnatanobbana Atmacharithre' by Act React, Bengaluru, written by Krishnamurthy Hanur, adapted & directed by: Naveen Sanehalli, Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Hindustani Music Concert by Manohar Patwardhan (vocal), Pt. Veerabhadraiah (harmonium) and Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur (tabla), Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 3)

- **District Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme at district-level, Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital, JLB Road (near Five Lights Circle), **9 am.**
- **University of Mysore (UoM):** 104th Convocation, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of the University, presides over the event, retired Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (Bengaluru) Dr. C.N. Manjunath delivers the Convocation Address, Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of UoM, will be present, Crawford Hall, **10 am.**
- **Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Mahasabha:** Inauguration of Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala and Veda Pathashala by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, **10 am;** Devotional Songs by Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Dr. Vidyabhushana and troupe, CA-5, SBM Colony, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Hoysala Kannada Sangha, Mysuru:** Book release — Dr. S. Sudha's 'Nenapina Hejjegalu' and K. Ramesh's 'Kaanada Gramakke Kaimara' — by senior scholar Nadoja Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal; Mysuru's Bhramararatnam receives first copy of the book, Publisher Samskruti Subramanya and senior writer Kerodi Lolakshi will speak about the books, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-291, Dr. D.S. Guru, Professor, DoS in Computer Science, University of Mysore, delivers lecture on 'Prajnavanta - Sharanara Vachanagalalli,' H.V. Basavaraju, Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru, presides, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Alumni Association, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled (JSS PDA):** Alumni Meet and prize distribution for the winners of poetry rendition competition, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled Founder-Managing Trustee Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, JSS PDA alumni H.K. Nagendra, Vijayaraghavachar Trust President A. Vaidhehi & Secretary Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar chief guests, JSS PDA Principal B. Elangovan presides, JSS PDA premises, JSS Technical Education Institutions Complex, **10.30 am.**
- **Nexus Centre City, Sahaja Samruddha and Hulikadu - Farmers Producer Company:** Roots and Tubes Festival, Nexus Centre City, Nazarbad, **11 am to 10 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU):** Annual Convocation, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of the University, presides over the event, Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil delivers the Convocation Address, Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of KSOU, will be present, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse welcomes and introduces the guests, KSOU Convocation Hall, **12 noon.**
- **Prakash Performing Arts Trust (PPAT):** 'Varshabdhi Sambhrama 2024' in memory of late Vidwan A.V. Prakash, Vocal Concert by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram (Chennai), accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, #33, Surya Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Geet Gaatha Chal-22:** 'Down Memory Lane,' Annual Doctor's Musical Nite presented by City Doctors and their families, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **5 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rangaratnakara, Bengaluru:** Professional Theatre Songs Programme, Corporator Lakshmi M. Kiran Madegowda inaugurates, Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika, Samskrutika Samsthe Secretary Prof. H.G. Krishnappa, Vayuvihargala Okkuta Convenor M. Kempaiah and Ramakrishna Samskrutika mattu Kreeda Samsthe President Basavalingappa Hadya chief guests; Theatre Songs by Appu (Dasappa), Mysuru, troupe, accompanied by Vid. Kiragasuru Rajappa on harmonium, Vid. Appu (Dasappa) on tabla, Purushottama on keyboard, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Park, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Raaga Vaibhava, Mysuru:** Bansuri-Piano Jugalbandi Concert by Pandit Praveen Godkhindi and Vid. Anil Srinivasan, accompanied by Vid. Roopak Kallurkar on tabla and B.C. Manjunath on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Srimate Saradadevi' by Swami Yukteshanandaji, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ranjani Memorial Trust, Mysuru:** Ninaada Griha Sangeeta, vocal concert by Sarang Phagre from Bhopal, accompanied by Sagar Bharatraj on tabla and Tejas Katoti on harmonium, 'Ninaada,' #37, Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, Mysuru, **6 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94496-76014]
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre For Engineers and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), 'Rangadhare' by Vivek, Bharat and troupe from Bengaluru, **6 pm;** Staging of Hindi play 'Kakashi' by Aabhinay Kalyan, Mumbai, written by Aniketh Bole, directed by Abhijeet Zunjarrao, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

Stoma Care Clinic launched at Bharath Cancer Hospital

Dr. Vijay Kumar launching Stoma Care Clinic at Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO, Bharath Cancer Hospital), in collaboration with Coloplast Academy, launched a dedicated Stoma Care Clinic at BHIO in city recently. The dedicated Stoma Care Clinic is the first of its kind in Mysuru to provide specialised care and support to patients with intestinal or urinary stomas.

Speaking after launching Stoma Clinic, Dr. M. Vijay Kumar, Consultant Surgical Oncologist at BHIO, said: "The clinic will offer holistic treatment, provide better care and create awareness for stoma patients to make them independent as possible. The stoma is an artificial opening created surgically for cancer patients or sometimes for non-cancer patients whose natural passages like the rectum or the bladder are removed permanently and a new opening is made on the abdominal wall to facilitate the passage of faeces and or urine. The clinic is well-equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment and will provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling including lifestyle modifications for patients to prevent psychological trauma. The specialised clinic will be a boon to stoma patients who will now have access to a dedicated facility to seek specialised stoma related treatment."

He also mentioned that the clinic aims to provide protective care and early identification of complications besides offering advice regarding lifestyle modification. "Living with a permanent stoma can significantly impact an individual's quality of life, causing physical discomfort and emotional distress. Through this Stoma Clinic, we aim to help patients regain confidence, lead fulfilling lives and enjoy improved overall well-being," Dr. Vijay Kumar added.

COO of BHIO Gowtham Dhamerla, Assistant Surgeon Dr. Naveen, Care Specialist V.M. Jagadeesh, Regional Manager Ravi Chandra, Territory Managers Niloy Nandi and Pradeep Kumar were present.

Applications invited

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Social Welfare Department has invited applications from male children of parents (SC/ST communities only) working in hazardous and unhygienic conditions, for admission to 8th Standard (2024-25) in city's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala through an entrance test.

The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Department offices in all taluks of the district and the filled-in application form, along with necessary documents, must be submitted at the office from where the form was obtained.

Last date to apply is Mar. 26. The entrance test will take place at Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri at 10 am on Apr. 11.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 2)

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TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 3)

GG Vs DC
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - 7.30 pm

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Chaari 111 (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am
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Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 9.45 pm
Jugalbandi (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05

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Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.55 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Jugalbandi -2024 (K)	:	1.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.25 pm
Purushothamana Prasanga (K)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Kreem (K)	:	4.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	6.30 pm
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Joshua: Imai Pol Kaakha (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.05 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	4.30 pm
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Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm

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Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Kreem (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dune - Part Two (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.20 pm
	(S-1)	3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 am; (S-2) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	12 noon
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 7.25 pm

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Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10 pm

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CIT, Ponnampet crowned champions

CIT Hockey team, who emerged winners in the VTU Hockey Tournament, seen with the dignitaries.

Ponnampet, Mar. 2- Coorg Institute of Technology (CIT) boys hockey team emerged winners of the State-level Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Hockey Tournament by defeating RVCE, Bengaluru, by a solitary goal in the final.

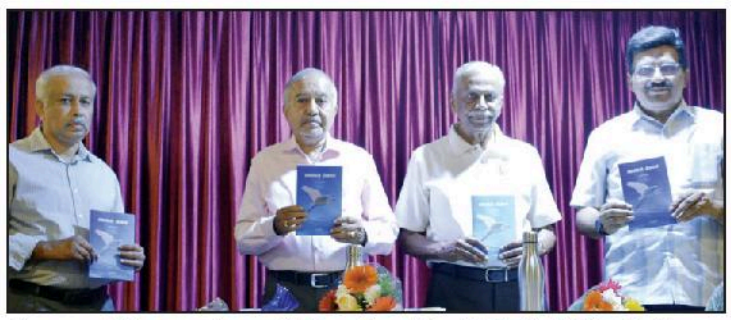
The two-day tournament was played on Feb. 23 and 24 at the CIT College Grounds in Ponnampet, Kodagu.

The winning goal came off the stick of forward Satwik, who scored a field goal in the second half of the match.

As many as 11 teams from different parts of the State participated in the tournament.

Pattada A. Poovanna, Director of the Kodava Education Society (KES) that manages CIT, was the chief guest. Also present were KES Hon. Secretary Rakesh Poovaiah, CIT Principal Dr. M. Basavaraj, CIT Campus Administrator Kottiyanda Jeevan Chinnappa and CIT Physical Education Director Harish Kumar.

Book 'Baanaadi Vihaara' released



Mysore Literary Association President Prof. K.C. Belliappa** (second from left) **releasing the book 'Baanaadi Vihaara' at Kalpakshetra in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru, as** (from left) **author Harish Boraiah, retired IFS Officer A.C. Lakshman and retired Professor & humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- 'Baanaadi Vihaara,' a book containing a collection of Kannada poems by Harish Boraiah, was released at a function organised at Kalpakshetra in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage in city recently.

While President of Mysore Literary Association Prof. K.C. Belliappa released the book, retired Professor and humourist Prof. M Krishnegowda spoke about Kannada language and culture.

Retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer A.C. Lakshman spoke about forest conservation and environment by common man. The dignitaries engaged the audience in a lively manner with humour and thought-provoking articulation. Playing a few songs from the book using Artificial Intelligence made the book release event memorable.

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